



Maryland Child Care Resource Network

# Child Care Demographics

# 2017

## Howard County Report

Howard County is centrally located in one of the nation's largest and wealthiest metro areas. The county's position at the center of this region provides businesses and residents with ready access to I-95 and I-70, three major airports, and the Port of Baltimore. These connections and high speed broadband internet access provide strong support for Howard County's growing economy and boosts the quality of life of its residents.

A diverse business base thrives in the county with corporations ranging from IT, telecommunications, defense contractors and biotechnology companies to multi-national corporations, research and development firms, cyber security, and wholesale distributors. The county has 9,800 businesses employing 147,400 workers. Major private sector employers include Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Leidos, Lorien Health Systems, Northrop Grumman, Sysco Food Services, the Coastal Companies and Verizon Wireless.

Source: Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) 2016.2

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## Frequently Requested Child Care Information

### Child Population 2010

| Age Group | Number in age group |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 0-1       | 6,526               |
| 2-4       | 10,837              |
| 5-9       | 20,557              |
| 10-11     | 8,728               |
| Total     | 46,648              |

Source: Maryland Department of Planning (MDP), 2010 Census Summary File 1.

### Child Care Costs as Compared to Other Major Household Expenses

The estimated current median family income in Howard is \$130,656<sup>5</sup>. A family of four that included a couple and two children ages 1-2 and 3-5 years can be expected to have the following yearly household expenses:

| Expense                  | Cost        | % of Income |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Child Care               | \$ 26,031   | 19.9%       |
| Infant <sup>1</sup>      | \$12,476.36 |             |
| Preschooler <sup>2</sup> | \$13,554.84 |             |
| Food <sup>3</sup>        | \$ 10,644   | 8.1%        |
| Housing <sup>4</sup>     | \$ 29,616   | 22.6%       |
| Taxes <sup>5</sup>       | \$ 36,095   | 27.6%       |
| Total                    | \$ 102,386  | 78.2%       |

<sup>1</sup> Average cost of full-time care in a family child care home (LOCATE, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> Average cost of full-time care in a child care center (LOCATE, 2016). <sup>3</sup> National

average cost of food at home based on a moderate cost plan (Cost of Food at Home Estimated for Food Plans at Four Cost Level, July 2016), U.S. Average, United States Department of Agriculture). <sup>4</sup> Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census 2010 median selected owner costs with a mortgage; included mortgage, taxes, insurance and utilities. <sup>5</sup> Federal, state, and local income taxes, Medicare, and FICA taxes per IRS and Maryland Office of Comptroller (2016). Taxes do not reflect Earned Income Credit. <sup>6</sup> Current income as shown in the Geolytics Report dated October 2016. This data cannot be compared to previous data.

### Average Weekly Cost of Full-time Child Care

#### Howard County

|                              | Family Child<br>Care Programs | Child<br>Care Centers |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 0-23 months                  | \$ 239.92                     | \$ 368.26             |
| 2-4 years                    | \$ 205.11                     | \$ 260.67             |
| 5 years <sup>1</sup>         | \$ 188.78                     | \$ 257.17             |
| School Age Full <sup>2</sup> | \$ 176.46                     | \$ 236.03             |
| School Age B/A <sup>3</sup>  | \$ 112.22                     | \$ 125.04             |

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/16.

<sup>1</sup> Average cost of full time care for a 5 year old. Defined as child being in full time child care or being in kindergarten and out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers. <sup>2</sup> Average cost of full time care for a 6+ school age child (out-of-school child care, i.e., holidays, school closures and summers). <sup>3</sup> Average cost of before and after school child care.

### Number of Howard Children under 12 with Mothers in the Work Force<sup>1</sup>

37,584 – 78.4%<sup>2</sup> of total 2016 child population under 12 (47,939).

<sup>1</sup> Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care. <sup>2</sup> Percent based on 2010 census data. Total population number based on GeoLytics, Inc. report, 2016.

### Population Information

#### Child Population<sup>1</sup>

|             | 2000   |          | 2010   |          |
|-------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
|             | Howard | Maryland | Howard | Maryland |
| 0-3 years   | 10,559 | 209,218  | 10,113 | 217,560  |
| 3-4 years   | 7,689  | 144,175  | 7,250  | 146,928  |
| 5 years     | 4,004  | 74,546   | 3,851  | 72,700   |
| 6-9 years   | 16,714 | 316,772  | 16,706 | 294,168  |
| 10-11 years | 8,251  | 162,481  | 8,728  | 151,023  |
| Total       | 47,217 | 907,192  | 46,648 | 882,379  |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010.

#### Female Population (selected ages)

| Age Group | 2000   | 2010   |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| 20-24     | 5,538  | 6,957  |
| 25-29     | 8,263  | 8,973  |
| 30-34     | 10,732 | 9,256  |
| Total     | 24,533 | 25,186 |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010.

#### Work Force Information

##### Total Population Ages 16+ in Work Force

|               | Howard    | Maryland  |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>2010</b>   |           |           |
| Female        | 77,311    | 1,570,193 |
| Male          | 85,000    | 1,623,215 |
| <b>2000</b>   |           |           |
| Female        | 66,041    | 1,351,034 |
| Male          | 73,844    | 1,418,491 |
| <b>Change</b> |           |           |
| Female        | 17.1% (+) | 16.2% (+) |
| Male          | 15.1% (+) | 14.4% (+) |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010 American Community Survey (ACS).

#### Females (16+) with Children

| Age Group   | 2000   | 2010   | Change |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Total females (16+) with children under 6                   | 9,009  | 21,491 | N/A*   |
| Total females (16+) with children under 6 in the work force | 6,218  | N/A*   | N/A*   |
| Total females (16+) with children 6-17                      | 20,583 | 51,979 | N/A*   |
| Total females (16+) with children 6-17 in the work force    | 16,533 | N/A*   | N/A*   |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 ACS.

\* Comparable data not available for 2010 census.

#### Total Population

|      | Howard  | Maryland  |
|------|---------|-----------|
| 2010 | 287,085 | 5,773,552 |
| 2000 | 247,842 | 5,296,486 |
| 1995 | 218,402 | 5,046,079 |
| 1990 | 187,328 | 4,780,753 |
| 1980 | 118,572 | 4,216,975 |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010, 2000, 1990, 1980.

#### Male Population (selected ages)

| Age Group | 2000   | 2010   |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| 20-24     | 5,495  | 7,770  |
| 25-29     | 7,731  | 8,756  |
| 30-34     | 9,793  | 8,376  |
| Total     | 23,019 | 24,902 |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010.

#### Households

|                            | 2000    | 2010    |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total household population | 247,842 | 284,763 |
| Total # of households      | 90,043  | 104,749 |
| Average household size     | 2.75    | 2.72    |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010.

## Census Information

## Families and Poverty

|  | 2000   | %    | 2010   | %    | %Change  |
|--|--------|------|--------|------|----------|
| All Families                                     | 65,790 | 100% | 76,333 | 100% | 16.0%(+) |
| Families Below Poverty Level                     | 1,688  | 2.6% | 2,366  | 3.1% | 40.2%(+) |
| All Families w/Children Under 6**                | 8,498  | N/A* | 7,805  | 100% | N/A*     |
| Families w/Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level  | 537    | N/A* | N/A*   | 2.5% | N/A*     |
| All Families w/Children Under 18                 | 36,058 | 100% | 38,764 | 100% | 7.5%(+)  |
| Families w/Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level | 1,331  | 3.7% | 1,706  | 4.4% | 28.2%(+) |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010. Prepared by MDP.  
\*Comparable data not available from 2010 Census.

## Educational Attainment

|                             | Howard  | %Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs | Maryland  | %Adult Pop. Over 25 Yrs |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| High School Grad or Higher  | 182,236 | 94.3%                   | 3,410,847 | 88.1%                   |
| Bachelor's Degree or Higher | 114,133 | 59.1%                   | 1,396,843 | 36.1%                   |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 ACS.

## Children and Poverty

|   | 2000   | %    | 2010   | %    | %Change  |
|---|--------|------|--------|------|----------|
| Total Related Children Under 18             | 65,807 | 100% | 69,671 | 100% | 5.9%(+)  |
| Total Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level | 2,831  | 4.3% | 3,344  | 4.8% | 18.1%(+) |
| Total Children Under 5 Below Poverty Level  | 706    | 4.1% | N/A*   | 2.1% | N/A*     |
| Total Children 5-17 Below Poverty Level     | 2,125  | 4.4% | N/A*   | 5.6% | N/A*     |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010. Prepared by MDP.  
\*Comparable data not available from 2010 Census.

## Families

## Howard

|        | Total    | Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 6 | Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 18 |
|--------|----------|---|--|
| 2000   | 65,790   | 8,498   | 36,058   |
| 2010   | 76,333   | 10,093  | 42,466   |
| Change | 16.0%(+) | 18.8%(+)  | 17.8%(+)   |

## Maryland

|        | Total     | Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 6 | Total # of All Families With Related Children Under Age 18 |
|--------|-----------|---|--|
| 2000   | 1,359,318 | 150,011   | 662,172  |
| 2010   | 1,447,002 | 170,870   | 728,045  |
| Change | 6.5%(+)   | 13.9%(+)  | 9.9%(+)  |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000, 2010. Prepared by MDP.

### Income, Unemployment and Housing Information

#### Annual Wage Rate Information

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Public School Teacher Salary Average (Howard County) | \$69,136 |
| Public School Teacher Salary Average (MD)            | \$66,456 |
| Nonpublic School Teacher Average (Maryland)          | \$54,569 |
| Family Child Care Provider (Maryland)                | \$37,669 |
| Child Care Center Director (Maryland)                | \$40,475 |
| Center Senior Staff/Teacher (Maryland)               | \$26,572 |
| Center Aide (Maryland)                               | \$18,120 |

Sources: MSDE, Oct 2015; Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), 2016-17 school year, and MFN's 2016 Statewide Survey of Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers.

#### Family Income

##### Median Family Income, 2010 Census

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| Howard   | \$120,664 |
| Maryland | \$83,137  |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 ACS.

##### Median Household Income<sup>1</sup>:

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| Howard   | \$110,133 |
| Maryland | \$72,345  |

#### Income Distribution

##### Percent Households

|                     | Howard | Maryland |
|---------------------|--------|----------|
| under \$25,000      | 7.5%   | 15.4%    |
| \$25,000 - \$49,999 | 11.0%  | 17.9%    |
| \$50,000 - \$74,999 | 13.2%  | 17.2%    |
| \$75,000+           | 68.3%  | 49.5%    |

Source: <sup>1</sup>Brief Economic Facts of Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, 2016.2. Data is not directly comparable to 2010 or earlier reports. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

#### Unemployment Rate

|      | Howard | Maryland |
|------|--------|----------|
| 2000 | 1.7%   | 3.4%     |
| 2001 | 2.8%   | 4.0%     |
| 2002 | 2.8%   | 3.9%     |
| 2003 | 2.7%   | 4.1%     |
| 2004 | 2.5%   | 3.9%     |
| 2005 | 2.8%   | 3.9%     |
| 2006 | 2.7%   | 3.7%     |
| 2007 | 2.7%   | 3.6%     |
| 2008 | 3.3%   | 4.5%     |
| 2009 | 5.4%   | 7.1%     |
| 2010 | 5.4%   | 7.3%     |
| 2011 | 5.4%   | 7.2%     |
| 2012 | 4.9%   | 6.5%     |
| 2013 | 4.8%   | 6.2%     |
| 2014 | 4.4%   | 5.6%     |
| 2015 | 4.0%   | 5.0%     |
| 2016 | 3.6%   | 4.5%     |

Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), July 2016.

#### Housing Information

|                         | Howard       | Maryland        |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Owner-Occupied housing  | 77,574 (74%) | 1,426,267 (67%) |
| Renter-Occupied housing | 27,784 (26%) | 701,172 (33%)   |

Note: Percentage is based on total occupied housing units.

|   | Howard    | Maryland  |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Mean value of Owner-Occupied Housing                | \$415,400 | \$301,400 |
| Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs With a Mortgage | \$2,468   | \$2,016   |
| Median Gross Residential Monthly Rent               | \$1,374   | \$1,131   |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 ACS.

## Supply of Regulated Early Childhood Programs and Education

Children's Programs by Type with Capacity/  
Enrollment

|  | # of<br>Programs | Capacity        |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| Family Child Care Providers                    | 368              | 2,732           |
| *OCC Licensed Group Programs                   | 173              | 12,959          |
| 8-12 Hour Child Care Centers                   | 92               | 7,805           |
| Infant/Toddler                                 | 55               | 978             |
| Part-Day                                       | 20               | N/A             |
| Before/after School<br>(School & Center-Based) | 108              | N/A             |
| Employer-Sponsored Centers                     | 5                | 151             |
| Youth Camps                                    | 41               | N/A             |
| Nursery Schools                                | 45               | N/A             |
| Private Kindergarten                           | 20               | N/A             |
| **Head Start                                   | 4                | enrollment: 284 |
| ***Public Pre-Kindergarten Sites               | 26               |                 |

\*Note: Numbers do not total because facilities may have more than one type of program. Unless otherwise indicated, all programs are privately funded.

\*\* Federally funded programs which include Head Start, Early Head Start and Home-based Head Start.

\*\*\*State funded.

Source: MFN/LOCATE Child Care, 7/16; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

## Education

## Public and Private Schools (Elementary and Middle)

|                    | Public | Private* |
|--------------------|--------|----------|
| Elementary Schools | 41     | 5        |
| Middle Schools     | 20     | 0        |
| Combined           | 0      | 16       |

## Elementary School Enrollment

|                  | Public | Private* |
|------------------|--------|----------|
| Pre-Kindergarten | 1,236  | 3,089    |
| Kindergarten     | 3,788  | 380      |
| Grades 1 - 6     | 20,495 | 1,936    |
| Total            | 25,519 | 5,405    |

Source: MSDE, 2015-16 school year. Enrollment figures are for September 30, 2015. Private schools include MSDE approved schools and those operated by a tax-exempt religious organization which hold a letter of exemption from approval in accordance with State law.

\*Self reported data from Maryland Nonpublic Schools as reported to MSDE.

Density of Family Providers and Center Programs  
by Community/Zip Code

The following chart shows the number of registered family child care providers and licensed full-day child care centers in Howard as of July 1, 2016.

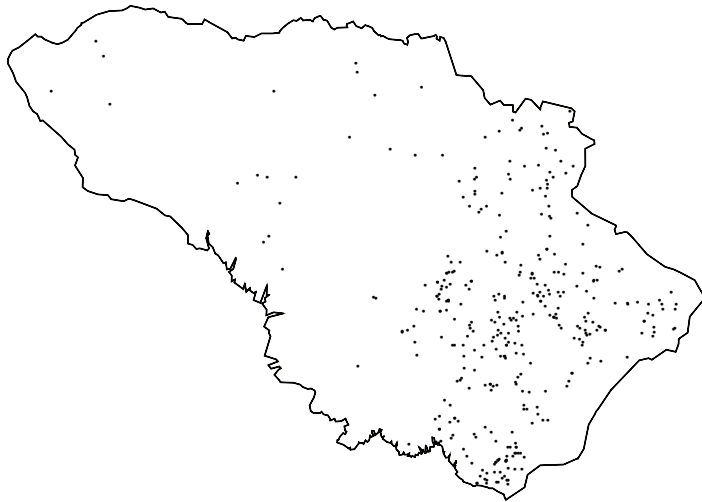
| Community/<br>Zip Code | Family<br>Providers | %     | 8-12 Hour<br>Centers | %      |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Clarksville 21029      | 3                   | 1.0   | 5                    | 5.4    |
| Columbia 21044         | 47                  | 12.8  | 10                   | 10.9   |
| Columbia 21045         | 75                  | 20.4  | 22                   | 23.9   |
| Columbia 21046         | 26                  | 7.1   | 6                    | 6.5    |
| Cooksville 21723       | 1                   | 0.3   | 0                    | 0.0    |
| Dayton 21036           | 3                   | 0.8   | 0                    | 0.0    |
| Elkridge 21075         | 41                  | 11.1  | 6                    | 6.5    |
| Elkridge 21076         | 1                   | 0.3   | 0                    | 0.0    |
| Ellicott City 21042    | 28                  | 7.6   | 10                   | 10.9   |
| Ellicott City 21043    | 45                  | 12.2  | 12                   | 13.0   |
| Fulton 20759           | 2                   | 0.5   | 6                    | 6.5    |
| Glenelg 21737          | 1                   | 0.3   | 0                    | 0.0    |
| Glenwood 21738         | 3                   | 0.8   | 0                    | 0.0    |
| Hanover 21076          | 3                   | 0.8   | 0                    | 0.0    |
| Highland 20777         | 0                   | 0.0   | 1                    | 1.1    |
| Jessup 20794           | 13                  | 3.5   | 2                    | 2.2    |
| Laurel 20723           | 65                  | 17.7  | 6                    | 6.5    |
| Marriottsville 21104   | 2                   | 0.5   | 3                    | 3.3    |
| Mt. Airy 21771         | 3                   | 0.8   | 0                    | 0.0    |
| Savage 20763           | 1                   | 0.3   | 1                    | 1.1    |
| Sykesville 21784       | 2                   | 0.5   | 0                    | 0.0    |
| West Friendship 21794  | 2                   | 0.5   | 0                    | 0.0    |
| Woodbine 21797         | 1                   | 0.3   | 1                    | 1.1    |
| Woodstock 21163        | 0                   | 0.0   | 1                    | 1.1    |
| Totals                 | 368                 | 99.9% | 92%                  | 100.0% |

Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/16. NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

### Supply of Regulated Child Care

#### Density of Regulated Family Child Care Homes in Howard County

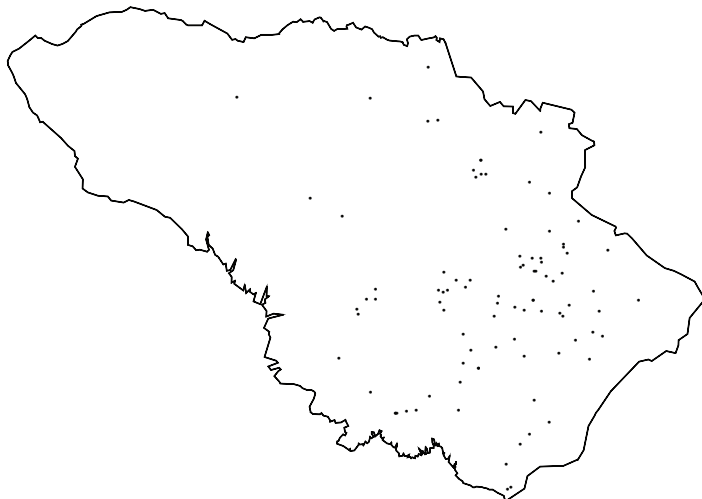
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Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/16.

#### Density of Licensed 8-12 Hour Child Care Centers in Howard County

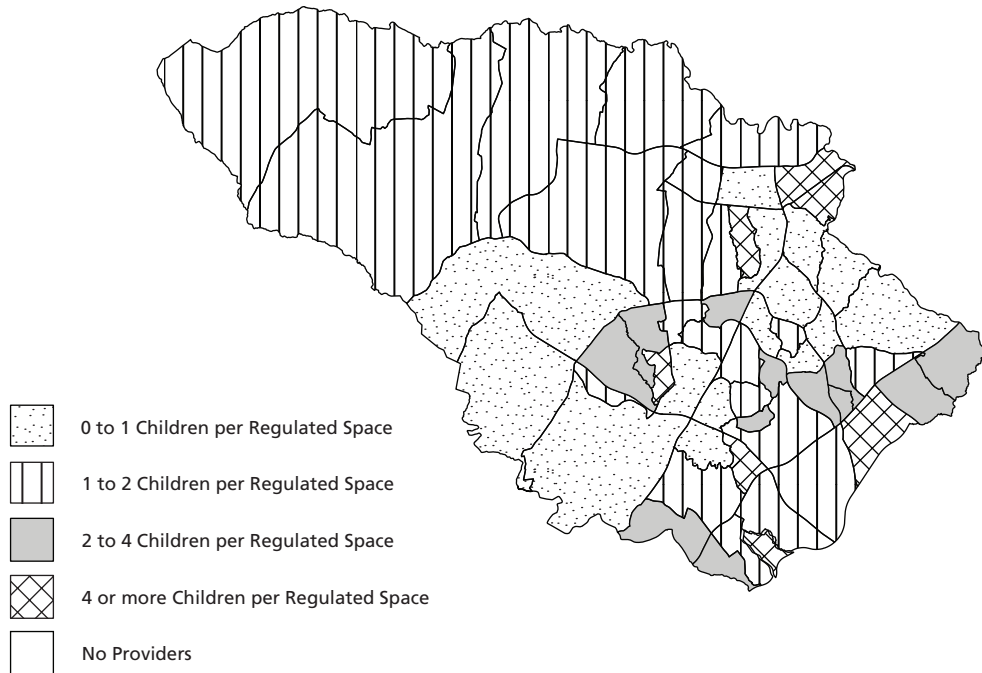
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## Supply of Regulated Child Care

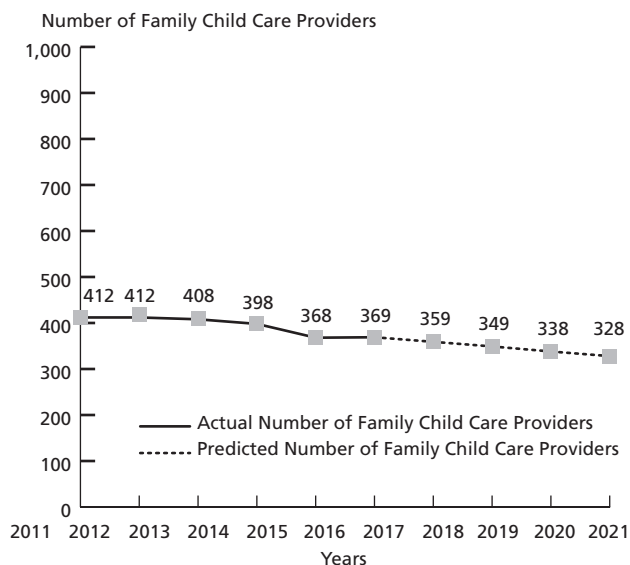
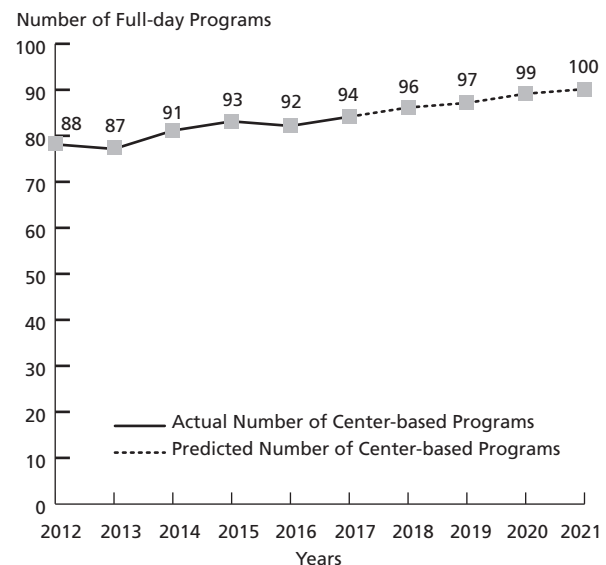
## Number of Children 0-5 Years Per Regulated Child Care Space by Census Tract



This map is based on census tracts defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. It does not accurately delineate land/water boundaries in some census tracts.  
Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010. MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/16.

## Past and Anticipated Growth Patterns for Family/Center Providers

## Family Child Care Providers in Howard 2012-2021

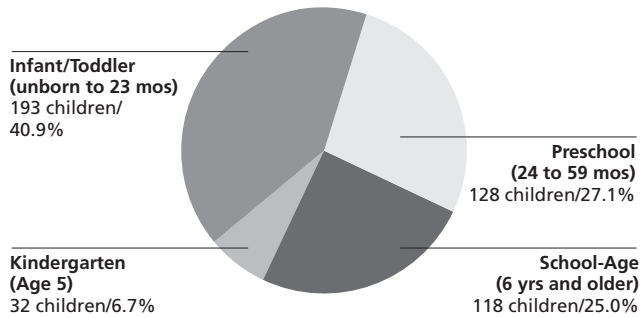
Center-based Programs in Howard 2012-2021  
Full-day (8 to 12 hours)

These predictions were generated with the use of the Multiple Regression Analysis and Forecasting template. The predictions generated by the Model do not reflect the effects of current changes to social programs affecting child care.  
Source: MFN/LOCATE: Child Care, 7/16.

### Demand for Child Care

#### Children Served by Age

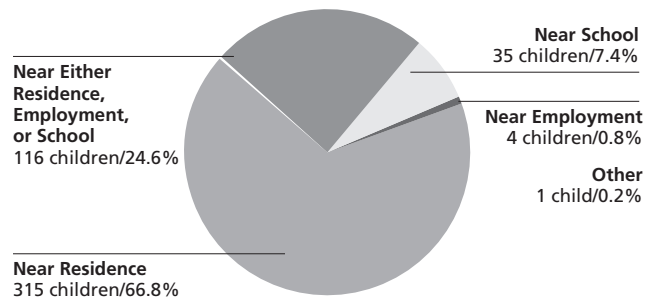
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/15-6/30/16).  
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

#### Children Served by Locational Preferences for Care

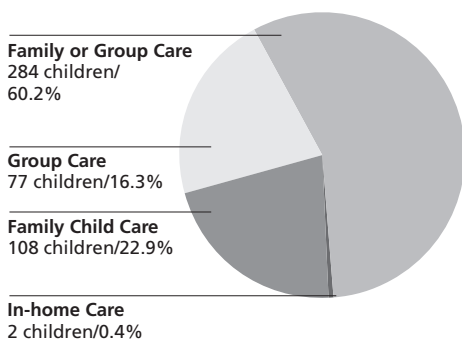
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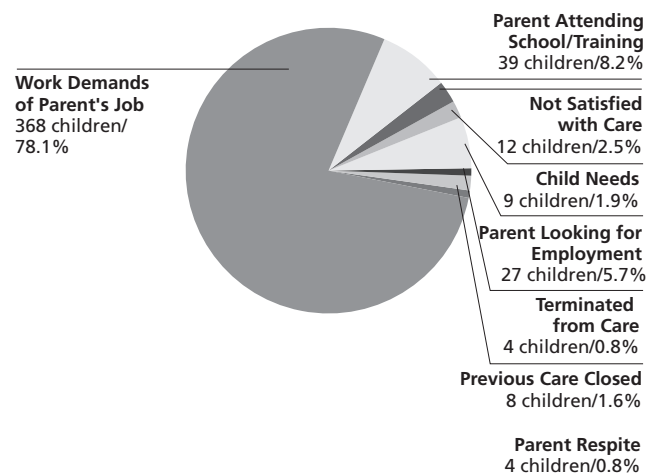
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Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/15-6/30/16).  
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#### Reason Child Care is Needed

N=471



Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/15-6/30/16).  
NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.



## Demand for Child Care

**Number of Children Served by LOCATE: Child Care**  
471 children (7/1/15-6/30/16)**Full-time or Part-time Care Needs of Children Served**

N=471

Full-time: 246 children (52.2%)

Part-time: 215 children (45.6%)

Other\*: 10 children (2.1%)

\* Includes requests for sick, backup and temporary care.

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/15-6/30/16).

**Child Care Subsidy Program (formerly POC)****LOCATE calls received from parents with children eligible for Child Care Subsidy**  
88 (18.6% of all calls)**LOCATE calls received from parents with children receiving Child Care Subsidy**  
69 (14.6% of all calls)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/15-6/30/16).

**Major Reasons Parents Could Not Find Child Care in Howard County**

| Reason                  | Count |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Cost                    | 7     |
| No vacancies for infant | 7     |
| Other                   | 7     |
| Transportation/Escort   | 2     |
| Location                | 1     |
| Schedule                | 1     |
| Special Needs           | 1     |

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/15-6/30/16).

**Major Factors Important to Parents Who Found Child Care in Howard County**

| Factor                             | Count |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Proximity to home, school, work    | 68    |
| Cost                               | 39    |
| Environment                        | 36    |
| Only provider/program with vacancy | 24    |
| Educational program                | 21    |
| Caregiver                          | 20    |
| Escort                             | 14    |
| Hours of operation/part time       | 12    |
| Nearby transportation              | 7     |

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/15-6/30/16).

## Supply of Child Care

**Child Care Subsidy Program****Family Child Care Providers willing to care for CCS children in Howard County**  
63 (17.1% of total family child care providers)**Child Care Centers willing to care for CCS children in Howard County**  
38 (41.3% of total child care centers)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/15-6/30/16).

**Howard County FY17 Projected Allocation**  
\$4,751,668 = 598 full-time children

Source: Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care.

**Special Needs Child Care****Family providers who serve/have served children with special needs**  
209 (56.7% of total family child care providers in Howard)**Centers who serve/have served children with special needs**  
72 (78.2% of total child care centers in Howard)

Source: LOCATE: Child Care at Maryland Family Network, Baltimore (7/1/15-6/30/16).

### Definitions

**Before/After-School Care:** School-Age child care offers care to children enrolled in Kindergarten or above. Care is provided before and/or after school and during school holidays/vacations. Programs are licensed by the Office of Child Care. Programs may operate from a school building or other licensed facility.

**Census of Population and Housing:** There are two versions of the Census questionnaire: a short form which asks a limited number of population and housing questions of all households, and a long form questionnaire which asks additional social and economic questions of a sample of all households. The user should note that data obtained from a sample are subject to sampling variability, and that there are limitations to many of these data.

**Child Care:** The care or supervision of a child when the child's parent has given the child's care over to another for some portion of a 24-hour-day as a supplement to the parent's primary care of the child. (OCC)

**Child Care Center:** Child care provided in a facility that, for part or all of the day, provides care to children in the absence of the parent. Centers are licensed by the Office of Child Care.

**Child Care Subsidy Program (formerly POC):** Provides financial assistance to eligible families in securing care for their children in registered family child care homes or licensed child care centers while parents/guardians are attending school, working, or in job training.

**Children with Special Needs:** Children who, because of a disability or other special educational, developmental, physical, emotional, behavioral, or medical condition, require additional care, or whose activities are restricted by a certain condition. (OCC)

**Current Median Family Income:** Current median family income is the value shown in a Geolytics report dated Nov 2016.

**Current Population Estimates:** Current population estimates are based on GeoLytics, Inc. Reports.

**Educational Attainment:** The highest level of school completed or the highest degree received. Educational attainment figures were used for persons over 25 years of age. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

**Employer-Sponsored Centers:** A child care center located on-site or off-site which is sponsored by a corporation, business, or other employer. Employees are given priority for enrollment slots.

**Family Child Care:** The care given to a child younger than 13 years old or to a developmentally disabled person younger than 21 years old, in place of parental care for less than 24 hours a day, in a residence other than the child's residence and for which the provider is paid. Regulations allow a family child care provider to care for as many as eight children at any time. (OCC)

**Family Household Income:** Family includes a householder and one or more persons living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. A household can contain only one family for purposes of census tabulations. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

**Head Start:** Project Head Start provides comprehensive developmental services for children from low-income families. Head Start is comprised of four components including Education, Health, Parent Involvement, and Social Services. Head Start Centers serve children from age 3 to school entry age from income eligible families.

**Infant/Toddler:** In the State of Maryland, "infant" means a child under 18 months old. "Toddler" means a child 18 months old or older but younger than 2 years old. (OCC) MFN reports "infant" as a child birth through 23 months of age.

**Kindergarten:** An instructional program for children who are 5 years old by September 1st of each academic year. Programs may be operated by a private or public school. Kindergarten is the year of school which precedes entrance to first grade.

**Nursery Schools:** An instructional program approved or exempted by the Maryland State Department of Education for children who are two through four years old. The maximum length of the program is 6 hours per day, however most operate only a few hours per day and may meet only two or three times per week for a nine month period.

**Owner Costs with Mortgage (Selected Monthly):** The sum of payments for mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts to purchase, or similar debts on the property; real estate taxes; fire hazard, and flood insurance on the property; utilities; and fuels. It also includes, where appropriate, the monthly condominium fees or mobile home costs. A housing unit is owner-occupied if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

## Definitions

**Part Day:** A program regulated by OCC with an educational focus for children one or two years before entering kindergarten. These programs are usually 2-3 hrs/day, 2-3 days/week, nine months/year.

**Pre-Kindergarten:** These are publicly funded pre-kindergarten programs for eligible 4-year-old children administered by local boards of education or qualified vendors. The programs have the overall goal of providing learning experiences to help children develop and maintain school readiness skills necessary for successful school performance. Local school systems shall enroll all 4-year-old applicants from economically disadvantaged or homeless families.

**Poverty Level:** The poverty guideline for a family of four persons was \$24,300 in 2016. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, JAN 2016)

**Renter Occupied Gross Monthly Rent:** Monthly contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities and fuels, if these are paid by the renter. All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented for cash rent or occupied without payment of cash rent, are classified as renter-occupied. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

**Unemployment Rate:** Civilians 16 years old and over are classified unemployed if they (1) were neither “at work” nor “with a job but not at work” during the reference week, and (2) were looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included were civilians who did not work at all during the reference week and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off. (U.S. Bureau of the Census)

**Youth Camps (Licensed):** A day camp, residential camp, travel camp, or trip camp licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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